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REJECTION OVER A PENDING "REFERENCE" APPLICATION**

In re Application of: Kazuto TAKAHASHI et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING CALCIUM CARBONATE

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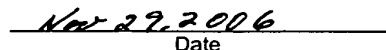
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